

**REMARKS**

Claims 3, 4, 6, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27-32 and 34 remain pending after amendment.

***Claim Amendments***

By this amendment, claim 35 is cancelled and the limitations thereof added to claim 32. Claim 33 is cancelled. No new matter is added by this amendment.

Entry of this amendment is proper as (1) the number of claims being presented is decreased, and (2) the amended claim 32 includes the limitations of cancelled claim 35 previously indicated as being allowable.

***ENTRY OF BOTH THIS RESPONSE AND APPLICANTS' PRIOR RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 OF OCTOBER 16, 2006 IS BELIEVED PROPER IN VIEW OF THE EXAMINER'S INDICATION IN THE ADVISORY ACTION OF NOVEMBER 13, 2006 THAT THE PRIOR RESPONSE WOULD BE ENTERED.***

***Allowable Subject Matter***


Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter of claims 3, 4, 6, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27-31 and 34 as indicated in the Advisory Action of November 13, 2006. However, in view of the above amendments to the claims (believed to be consistent with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter of claim 35) is believed that all claims are now directed to allowable subject matter.

In view of the above, the application is accordingly believed to be in condition for allowance. An early indication of same earnestly is solicited.

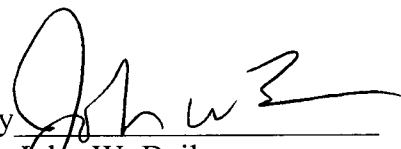
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

A check in the amount of \$450.00 is attached as payment for the requested two month extension of time.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

  
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Respectfully submitted,

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